

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT NO. WI-0066362-01-0

Permittee: BPM Inc, 200 W Front St, Peshtigo, WI, 54157

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: BPM Inc, 200 W Front Street, Peshtigo, WI 54157

Receiving Water and Location: Peshtigo River along the west bank of the River approximately 0.17 miles south of the BPM facility building at 45° 02' 58" N 87° 44' 47" W.

Brief Facility Description: BPM Inc. (BPM) manufactures high-quality specialty paper, waxed paper, and flexible packaging for food grade applications in addition to fine papers for the printing industry at its facility located at 200 West Front Street, Peshtigo WI 54157. The paper-making process results in the generation of process wastewater. The process wastewater is generated from two paper machines running at the site. The process wastewater (~493,000 gpd) will be combined with noncontact cooling water (NCCW) (~101,000 gpd), domestic wastewater from washing stations, softener regeneration, and boiler blowdown (~2,160 gpd) and treated at the proposed Water Resource Recovery Facility (WRRF). The WRRF will include screening, equalization, aeration and biological treatment processes. The effluent from the WRRF will be discharged to the Peshtigo River via Outfall 001. The paper mill sludge generated at the WRRF will be hauled offsite to a solid waste landfill and will be tracked via Outfall 002. The source water for the paper-making processes, NCCW, boiler blowdown comes from private wells located at the site and the Peshtigo River through an intake system that is monitored at influent Sampling Point 701. BPM also operates another intake that feeds a fire pump to supply emergency suppression water to the plant. This is a secondary source for fire water as the plant also is connected to the city system. BPM uses City of Peshtigo municipal water supply as the source water for restrooms and other potable water uses. The sanitary waste generated at the facility is discharged to the City of Peshtigo Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF). A facility site map, water flow diagram for the facility and a treatment system schematic diagram of the proposed WRRF are attached to the fact sheet.

This facility site previously had Wisconsin Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (WPDES) permit coverage for direct discharge to the Peshtigo River. The outfall was abandoned in November 1994 and the wastewater was redirected to the City of Peshtigo WWTF. BPM plans to utilize the previously permitted outfall location.

For specific details and information about the rationale and assumptions used in deriving the conditions and requirements set forth in the permit, please see the permit fact sheet.

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Trevor Moen, DNR, 625 E Cty Rd Y Suite 700, Oshkosh, WI, 54901, (920) 424-7883, Trevor.Moen@wisconsin.gov

Basin Engineer's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Laura Gerold, 2984 Shawano Avenue, Green Bay, WI 54313-6727, (920) 662-5426, laura.gerold@wisconsin.gov

The Department has tentatively decided that the above specified WPDES permit should be issued for this discharge.

Persons wishing to comment on or object to the proposed permit action, or to request a public hearing, may write to the Department of Natural Resources at the above-named permit drafter's address. Currently, DNR staff are working remotely and have very limited access to US mail. To ensure comments are received, the Department recommends that all comments be sent via email to the permit drafter listed in this notice. All comments or suggestions received no later than 30 days after the publication date of this public notice will be considered along with other information on file in making a final decision regarding the permit. Anyone providing comments in response to this public notice will receive a notification of the Department's final decision when the permit is issued. Where designated as a reviewable surface water discharge permit, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is allowed up to 90 days to submit comments or objections regarding this permit determination. If no comments are received on the proposed permit from anyone, including U.S. EPA, the permit will be issued as proposed.

The Department may schedule a public informational hearing if requested by any person and shall schedule a public informational hearing if a petition requesting a hearing is received from 5 or more persons or if response to this notice indicates significant public interest pursuant to s. 283.49, Stats. Requests for a public informational hearing shall state the following: the name and address of the person(s) requesting the hearing; the interest in the proposed permit of the person(s) requesting the hearing; the reasons for the request; and the issues proposed to be considered at the hearing.

Information on file for this permit action, including the draft permit, fact sheet and permit application, is accessible via e-mail by contacting the above-named permit drafter's e-mail address or the above named basin engineer's e-mail during normal business hours Monday through Friday (except holidays). Note that DNR staff have limited access to permit hard copy files during this time as they are working from home, but much of the permit file is available electronically by e-mail request. Permit information is also available on the internet at: <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/wastewater/PublicNotices.html>. Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable

accommodation, including the provision of informational material in an alternative format, will be made to qualified individuals upon request.

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